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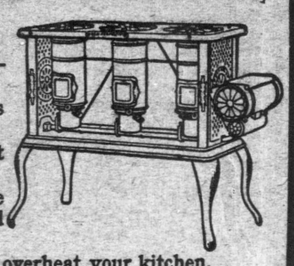

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, June 1st, 1907.

News received at the State Department makes it appear that the present outbreak in China is one of the most serious that the government there has ever had to deal with, and the American warships on the China station are being held in readiness to protect not only American, but all foreign interests if they are seriously threatened. Consul Paddock at Amoy reports that the outbreak is not anti-foreign as was the Boxer uprising of 1900, but that it is anti-dynastic. The prize in question is the control of the "boy Emporer" who has been a boy emporer for so long that he ought to be pretty well grown by this time. Foreigners know little or nothing of this puppet ruler. They do not know for a certainty whether he is alive or dead. They do know that the real power in Chinese affairs is Tsi-An, the Dowager Empress, who like the Dowager Empress of Russia, takes the responsibility of running things only Tsi-An is a good deal more openly powerful than Marie Feodora. When the ladies of the diplomatic Corps were entertained by the Dowager Empress of China after the return of the Imperial family to the Summer Palace in Pekin, the boy Emporer was present at the audience, but he did not speak, and there was no telling whether it really the Emporer or someone else. There have been a number of reports in past years that the young emporer had been poisoned or otherwise done away with, and that the crafty old Dowager was keeping a dummy in his place. Of course no one outside the innermost Court Circle can tell whether this is true or not.

But the report is gaining ground among the Chinese that Tsi-An is in her last illness, and the so-called reform party, which stands for a Chinese constitution and other more liberal measures, has organized to capture the Emporer, knowing that with him in their possession it will be possible to run the Empire pretty much as they see fit. The rebels known as the Triads have captured a number of the minor towns, and are marching on Amoy, one of the most important of the Chinese seaports. The advices from Consul Paddock were that the rebels were just outside of Swatow, a city just across the bay from Amoy. The Helena, one of the gunboats that was built especially for service on the Chinese rivers, was sent from Amoy to the scene of *the trouble*, and the whole American squadron now in Chinese waters is being concentrated near Amoy. So long as the rebels confine themselves to killing Chinese, this government can enter no reasonable objection. But if any foreign property, either American or other, is touched, blue jackets will be landed and we will have to co-operate with the other foreign powers in saving China from herself as was done in the memorable march of the Allies on Pekin in 1900.

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A small but most exacting monopoly has been broken in the Department of Agriculture. At least the government thinks it has been broken and that about $300,000 year will be saved to the government and incidentally to the public. The Department has for a number of years been buying a special patented label to mark the meat intended for export. This label was the design of a Washington man and consisted of a little square of mosquito net filled with gelatine on which was printed the words "U. S. Inspected and Passed." It was rather a clever device, for it could be stuck on the meat that had been passed by the inspectors and though the gelatine would be worn off in a little while, the indelible ink that was in the label sunk into the meat and stayed indefinitely. The government paid only 65 cents per 1,000 for the tags, but there was a handsome profit in it for the company that made them, and so long as Dr. Salmon, who was the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry and a large stockholder in the company, remained in the Department there could be nothing found to take the place of the gelatine label. There came near being a bad graft scandal over this little monopoly, but the discussion died down and Dr. Salmon resigned and went to South America to take charge of the Bureau of Animal Industry that was being established by the government of Argentina. Since his departure, one of the men in the bureau has devised a little rubber stamp that does the work just as well and that even with the vastly increased work required under the new meat inspection law, will cost the government only about $10,000 a year. It is, of course, a little curious that no device of this sort could ever be found to do the work while Dr. Salmon was in charge of the bureau, but then you know inventive genius works by fits and starts.

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Much discussion has been caused in the War Department by the charges of Rev. W. P. F. Ferguson, a representative of the Prohibition Party, that the Canal Zone is reeking with graft and a sink of immorality. The reverend gentleman is enjoying the sensation that his charges have caused, and is breaking out into special articles for the newspapers that much more than pay all the expenses of his trip to Panama. He says in brief that all of the departments on the Isthmus are rich picking for the superintendents who run them. Especially he says the commissary department is a public office that is a private snap. He directly charges that one of the biggest storehouses in the zone was burned down by the officials to cover an enormous deficit. But his chief complaint is that there are saloons in the Zone and that women are imported there for immoral purposes. The officers of the War Department and of the Canal Commission characterize his report by a word that the President says is both short and ugly. They say that the women who have been imported to the Zone were either bona fide wives of the workmen already there, or women who were coming to marry men to whom they were already engaged. As to the charge that any of the warehouses were burned to cover a deficit, they say that it is a malicious fabrication.

REPUBLICANS SWEEP WILMINGTON

Heads of the Ticket Elected and Council is Republican

Mayor—Horace Wilson, Republican, majority of 391. (Re-elected.)

City Treasurer—Howard D. Rose, Republican, majority of 252.

President of Council—William G. Taylor, Republican, majority of 829.

Assessor and Collector in Northern District—James H. Morgan, Republican, majority of 1662.

Assessor and Collector in Southern District—Eugene M. Sayers, Democrat, majority of 821. (Re-elected.)

City Council

First Ward—John J. Cassidy, Democrat, majority of 53.

Second Ward—Walter Rash, Republican, majority of 208.

Third Ward—Edward Higgins, Democrat, majority of 178.

Fourth Ward—James Kane, majority of 127. (Re-elected.)

Fifth Ward—Homer C. Simmons, Republican, majority of 398. (Re-elected.)

Sixth Ward—Seth H. Feaster, Republican, majority of 232.

Seventh Ward—Samuel H. Benson, Jr., Republican, majority of 658.

Eighth Ward—William P. White, Republican, majority of 221. (Re-elected.)

Ninth Ward—William Lyons, Jr., Republican, majority of 295. (Re-elected.)

Tenth Ward—Michael F. Conway, Democrat, majority of 521.

Eleventh Ward—John J. McGovern, Democrat, majority of 217. (Re-elected.)

Twelfth Ward—Matthew L. Kyle, Republican, majority of 27.

As will be seen from the foregoing, the Republicans swept Wilmington on Saturday. Majorities ranging from 252 to 829, indicate only too plainly that the city is in the Republican column to stay.

Not only did the Republicans elect the men at the head of their ticket but they again control Council. Seven wards elected Republican Councilmen and five wards elected Democratic Councilmen. The Republicans elected William G. Taylor president of Council, giving them eight members of that body, or one short of a two-third majority.

The vote was 13,729 for Mayor, or about 5,000 less than the total registration in the city. Mr. Taylor, for President of Council, led the Republican ticket with a decisive majority of 829, which is far ahead of his colleagues on the ticket.

The vote on the five propositions under the initiative and referendum system was overwhelmingly affirmative. Many persons did not vote aye or nay of the propositions, and the total polled on the referendum question was far below that cast for the municipal candidates. The vote was on an average of about twenty votes for the proposition to one against them. Under the law the result was to be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

DO'S FOR MOTHER

Do let the baby learn to amuse itself. Do let it get acquainted with those mysterious fingers and toes. Do let it lie in the crib instead of your arms. Do let it go to sleep quietly, without rocking. Do let it crawl on the floor, instead of keeping in a chair. Do let it wear sensible, washable clothes, that can be worn without ironing.

Do take time to rest.

Do sit in the most comfortable chair at times yourself.

Do get out into the sunshine, even though the dishes are not washed as soon as used.

Do have a head-rest on your chair back, and rest the back of your neck.

Sit or lie down whenever you can. There are many things that can be done while sitting down.

Do let the children learn the joy of "doing for others," especially for their mother.

Do let them exercise their bodies and brains by planning and doing the work about the house.

Do get the new dress for yourself, sometimes and allow your children to admire you.

Whatever else you neglect, do keep your attractiveness for your children. Do wear pretty ribbons and clean collars, and keep your hair within bounds—no matter what your dress may be.

Do make something of yourself other than a household drudge, by shifting the responsibility of some of the chores on the shoulders of the children or the gude mon. Let your husband keep up his attitude of lover by letting him help you whenever he can. That will be oftener than you think, if you cultivate an attitude of expectancy.

Do remember that the time will soon come when your family will need a mother and a companion far more than a discouraged, worn-to-frazzles household servant.

Do remember that you owe all this to yourself, whatever your circumstances may be.

We grow careless of what we say and do because we have valued ourselves too cheaply; we have not lived up to the possibilities within us. Do good to-day and to-morrow the impulse to do a greater good will influence you. Try to realize the power we may exercise if we will.

TO INCREASE STATE REVENUE

DOVER, Del, June 1.—Delaware's commission on revenue and taxation to entirely reform the tax laws of the State and effect a general increase of the State's revenue, met here this week, with former Lieutenant-Governor Phillip L. Cannon presiding, and Senator George W. Sparks acting as secretary. The secretary presented compilations, in pamphlet form and otherwise, of the revenue and tax laws of other States where the methods of obtaining money for conduct of the State's governmental affairs has been reformed. The members will review those together with others that they may obtain, during the interim until their next meeting.

Secretary of the State Cahall, who is in communication with the secretaries of other States, will continue his investigations in the meantime, with a view to finding the very best advanced methods of levying an easy duty.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

The very light suits in the Spring have been conspicuous recently by their absence. Winter apparel had been resurrected to suit the prevailing temperatures.

Marabout Stoles

Long scarfs and stoles of Marabout feathers, and of curled coque plumage are in evidence wherever the well dressed assemble, and these are decidedly comfortable as well as becoming additions to the toilet. One sees also the usual short full ruches of net and chiffon, the prettiest of these are made by imposing one over another and thus producing an opalescent or changeable effect.

Extra Coats and Wraps

Never before were extra coats and long wraps shown in such variety and surely they were never more needed than during this generally inclement season. Cape and kimono styles with stoles that resemble the vestments worn by a priest, are the leading favorites. These all slip on easily and are within the province of the skillful home dressmaker which means much in the way of economy.

With a Good Pattern

With a good pattern the woman who knows how to cut out and sew can readily make up many of the season's best styles not only in wraps, but in the various jumperdresses that show no sign of waning popularity.

Pretty Inexpensive Silks

All the shops are showing pretty inexpensive silks that make up well after jumper patterns, with full pleated skirts, or those done in the accordeon style by machinery. The latter are having quite a run at present, and as a rule are very becoming and easy to hang. Both taffetas and the rough woven silks of the Rajah type are made up in tailored Prince Chap styles.

Bias Bands Galore

The pleated skirt with bias bands for trimming is so much in the lead that other types are almost overlooked. The bands match or contrast and are one or several in number according to the style of the wearer. Braidings of narrow soutache are accepted as modish trimmings on the most elegant costumes, and such braidings are not beyond the skill of any ordinary needlewoman.

Zig-Zag Trimmings

What in Paris are termed "Zebra" trimmings are very much to the fore. These are pointed or waved bandings of braid, narrow folds of silk or of ribbon and considerable elegance of effect is thus attained without great effort. Cretonnes as a covering for parasols, vests, belts and and hat bands are a fad with the younger girls, and where the selection is judicious a set of this sort is often quite smart, though the idea is of course only a passing fancy.

Tan Shoes and Brown

Tan shoes and brown shoes with matching hosiery have almost driven black footwear into the background. All shoes should be in as nearly perfect condition as possible, but the light colored sorts are particularly disfiguring unless they are kept up. White shoes promise to be worn as much as ever when the really warm weather arrives.

Rain Coats and Folding Umbrellas

More than ever now that all the world goes "Bubbling" or likes to look as if they did—rain coats are in evidence. Both in the waterproofed materials and in silk faced rubber goods one sees many coats that are pretty and dressy enough to grace almost any occasion. Folding umbrellas that slip easily into small compass are also increasingly faddish. These come at fairly reasonable prices, as do the water proofed coats, surprisingly so when one considers their elegance of material and effect. Many rain coats are of handsome plaided silk, lined with some waterproof fabric, and high-grade pongee is another favorite material, not unfrequently lined with a waterproof stuff easily mistaken for dotted foulard silk.

LUCY CARTER.

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NEGROES OWNED NEGROES

Perhaps everybody else knows that there used to be in the South not a few negro owners of negro slaves, but some detailed information on the subject given by the Charleston News and Courier is the first we have ever heard of such a thing, and we are immodest enough to believe that not many people in the North will fail to share our surprise.

It seems that in Charleston itself, just before the war broke out, there were not only many free negroes with property running well up into the thousands, but the list of taxpayers for 1860 shows that there were 132 of them from whom was collected an impost of $3 each on one or more slaves of their own race. Of the colored Charlestonians, two had 14 slaves each, another owned 13, three owned 12, and so on downward. How they came into possession of their slaves—that is, whether by inheritance, gift or purchase—the News and Courier says it does not know; but old residents of the city say that the black slave-owners acquired their chattels exactly as did the white people and managed them in very much the same way, often hiring them out to other employers and, of course, taking all their wages. They had no special prejudice against "the institution," nor could they be expected to have since to many of them, or their immediate ancestors, slavery had been familiar in Africa, a fact that is often forgotten.

And there were negro slaveholders in other parts of the South—in Columbus, Ga., for instance, where one Bob Parker did a trucking business with 14 drays and the black drivers thereof included among his property, besides a number of negro women and children. And of a certain Dilsey Pope, in the same city. It is related that she owned her own husband. Him she hired out until he offended her in some manner not recorded, and then she punished him by selling him to Col. Seaborn Jones for a price now forgotten. These well-to-do free persons of color, according to the News and Courier, had no political privileges, and of course such a thing for them as "social equality" had not even been imagined, but they were amply protected in all their civil rights.

WOMAN'S SUFFERAGE ASSOCIATION

The furnishings of the new capitol building of Pennsylvania cost between eight and nine millions of dollars. Two million dollars were paid for the chandeliers alone. The Pennsylvanians are disgusted with this revelation of extravagance and graft.

Women are the economical sex. As housekeepers, they have had generations of training in the art of making a dollar go as far as possible. Moreover, cases of financial dishonesty among women are comparatively rare. Why should not Pennsylvania and other states make the experiment of giving women a vote? The inscription on the capitol dome, taken from the writing of Wm. Penn, appropriately says:—"There may be room for such a holy experiment—that an example may be set up to the nations that we may do the thing that is truly wise and just."

Rejoicings In Finland

The opening of Finland's first Parliament, on May 22nd, was celebrated with great rejoicings. All the civic societies and clubs of both sexes, and all the organized student bodies and workingmen's organizations paraded in honor of the event, and the streets of Helsingfors were carpeted with flowers. This is the first National Parliament to which women have been elected. The men of Finland seem to delight to honor their women. Although 180 of the 199 newly-elected members are men, Baroness Alexandra Gripenberg, the leader of the 19 women in Parliment, was chosen to make the response to the Governor General's opening address, in behalf of the National Assembly. The Baroness, who is much beloved for her good works, received the largest vote of any candidate nominated by the Old Finnish party. She says that the women of all parties will bear witness to the kind and brotherly spirit in which they have been treated by the men.

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Many of the little hints given for the housewife are old to experienced housekeepers, yet there are always new housekeepers arriving upon the scene and they, too, must be told how to do certain things, how to economize and make a good beginning. The beginner has such a limited experience that she is always eager to learn something new to help her in the beginning of her reign in the new home. Here are useful ideas:

Metal teapots, if disused for some time, give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting away.

Mirrors which are fly-specked should be washed in cold water, and then polished with a chamois dipped in alcohol.

A new idea for a pie board is a slab of marble. Sometimes a piece of marble will be found in the cellar of an old house when antiquated washstands or mantels have been torn down. A section of new marble, the remnant end of a slab, could be bought at a marble yard for the price of a medium-size pie board.

If house plants droop from no apparent cause, and refuse to thrive, try watering them solely by pouring warm water into the saucers every day. Plants love bottom heat, and it will sometimes give them a new lease of life.

Many housekeepers are not successful in canning fruit and frequently find their jars running over or "working" a few weeks after being sealed and put away. This may be due to several causes, viz., imperfect fruit, unsterilized cans or tops that are imperfect and not air-tight. When caused by the latter it is easily remedied by melting paraffin or sealing wax and dipping the top of each jar, after it is tightly screwed down, in the melted wax. After allowing it to cool and harden if any airholes show dip again.

A little arrowroot enclosed in a muslin bag and placed in the water in which handkerchiefs are boiled will give clothes a faint and agreeable scent, when ironed. If borax is added to the water in which they are rinsed, they will assume the right degree of stiffness without being hard, as if actually starched.

Needles and pins will never rust in a cushion filled with coffee grounds. Pour the coffee from the grounds and rinse them in cold water. Let them dry thoroughly before using.

The bent point of a sewing-machine needle may be sharpened on a whetstone and need not be discarded.

Put a small bag of talcum powder in a box with a cover, and keep in the workbox to rub on the fingers when they perspire.

When you have occasion to use plaster of paris, wet it with vinegar instead of water; then it will be like putty, and can be smoothed better, as it will not "set" for half an hour, while plaster wet with water hardens at once.

To string very fine beads, cut one strand of silk thread a little longer than the rest. Wax and twist firmly. This can be threaded through fine beads without using a needle.

The resistance of glass jars that refuse to open can be overcome by setting them, top downward, in hot water.

If oranges are dropped in hot water and left for a few minutes, it will be less difficult to peel them, and the rinds can be cut in fancy shapes when they are to be used for decorative purposes.

The lime deposits on the inside of tea kettles can be removed by filling the kettle with water and salammoniac, and boiling. Often by heating the kettle very hot, without water in it, will crack the lime and it can be scraped out with a wire scraper.

In preparing cheese for sandwiches always heat with milk instead of frying in butter and it will not harden as soon as chilled.

When every known method is used and the lid refuses to come from a glass jar, take a fork, pry back a piece of the lid, catch the gum and gently withdraw from beneath the lid.

Never put white collars and cuffs in the copper with other washing; instead, soap them well. After they have been washed, put them in deep jars and cover them with cold water. Then set the jar in the oven, cover with an old plate, and let it simmer for two or three hours. Then take them out and rinse and dry them and get them up in the usual way.

Lace is never improved by ironing while it is wet, but if it is wanted quickly or the time for working is limited, it should be placed right side down on a pad of flannel and covered with a piece of muslin, to keep the iron from touching the lace. This will prevent the lace from having a shiny appearance and will also keep it from sticking to the iron, which very often causes it to tear.

When making boiled starch, mix it first with a cup of cold water, pour on the boiling water, stirring till the starch turns to a thick paste; then add, while hot, a piece of lard about the size of an egg, then continue stirring till the lard is dissolved. When clothes are put through this after washing it is surprising how easy they are to iron and what a beautiful gloss and stiffness remain. The dirt will slip out of the clothes the next time of washing after this experiment has been tried with little or no trouble whatever.

One of the most convenient articles to be used in a sick room is a sand bag. Get some clean, fine sand, dry it thoroughly in a kettle on the stove. Make a bag about eight inches square, of flannel, fill it with dry sand, sew the opening carefully together, and cover the bag with cotton or linen. This will prevent the sand from sifting out, and will also enable you to heat the bag quickly by placing it in the oven or even on the top of the stove, says Woman's Life. After once using this you will never attempt to warm the feet or hands of a sick person with a bottle of hot water or a brick.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Cuttings can be started in pots of sandy compost, with a glass tumbler over to confine the moisture, and kept from the sun for two or three days. Then place the pots in the warmest window, exposed to the southeast. Wet sand is also excellent for growing cuttings, and they will start quicker than in compost. A shallow pan is preferable; fill it up with sand (not sea sand), sopping wet, then press in the cuttings tightly, and keep them wet. When the leaves show themselves in two or three days, transplant into pots filled with light, sandy loam. After shading a day or two they may have ample sunshine and sufficient water to keep them moist. Cuttings taken from the fresh growth of a plant strike best. It is better to break off a branch of geraniums than to cut it, if it breaks easily. Cuttings of roses, heliotrope, etc., will grow better if taken off at the junction of the old and new wood, and should be cut off just below a point or bud, as the roots start from that point; and if a bud is not left near the base the cutting is liable to decay in the soil.

All animals fatten more readily during the warm season than when the weather is cold, which fact should not be overlooked in feeding. The same quantity of food which was necessary to keep an animal in good condition last winter may cause it to become excessively fat if the ration is continued in quantity during the spring and summer.

Select seed corn that has been kept in a dry place, as that in the crib, if it was exposed last winter, may be injured to a certain extent. Dampness in winter is not favorable to seed corn, as the corn will not stand freezing and thawing. Careful farmers hang the ears in the barn loft, so as to permit of the corn becoming perfectly dry.

Land that has been limed gives good results with beets, carrots, parsnips, peas and beans, even when fertilizer is applied Lime is also excellent when applied on grass lands.

Since the borer began to destroy the blackberry canes the old and well-known Wilson variety—the largest and most attractive of all blackberries—has almost been obliterated in some sections, but where growers have united in the work of cutting away the canes and burning them the evil has been greatly lessened. One slovenly fruit grower in a neighborhood, who leaves his canes, may cause a loss to the whole community by propagating a new crop of borers. The study of the life history of each injurious insect at the several State Experiment Stations has done much to enlighten farmers in regard to preventing injury from parasites and insects, but all method suggested demand vigilance and work on the part of the fruit grower, and he will not succeed unless he is willing to do everything that is required.

The warm weather is acceptable to string beans, especially not too [illegible] for pick[ing] pare wi[th] though[t] jority o[f] every tw[o] of them [i]f the gar[den] way it is [best] crops can [be] to wait.

Peach tr[ees] stimulating as such forc[es] and the fruit spring when begin to swel[l] rich enough [to] will make late[r] ripe wood that [will] be [in]jured.

In laying dra[ins] it is best to cover each joint with a co[ver], so fitted that the soil will not work in [and] fill the tile. If the bottom of the [ditch] is cut down to a point exactly the [size] of the tile the latter will not mo[ve] laterally nor cause trouble. It is best [also] to make it secure and safe in the first p[lace].

The custom of lo[ading] farm wagons so that the heaviest w[eight] is upon the front wheels is all wrong, [and] adds materially to the draft. The h[eav]iest weight should be carried by the hin[d] wheels. This has been proved by offici[al] and careful tests.

It is a loss to keep [an] animal four years if it can be gotten [to] market when three years old, for the [year's] time saved means labor and food, [as] well as interest on capital invested. With the use of such beef-producing breeds as the Shorthorns, Herefords, Angus and Galloways an average weight of 2000 pounds per animal has been obtained in four years, while three-year-olds have reached 1,800 pounds and two-year-olds 1400 pounds, the daily increase being over two pounds for the yearlings up to two years [old] and from one and one-half pounds to [two] fourths pounds for older [ani]mals. Live weights are only given [but] have dressed 60½ per cent. [in] condition.

Shearing the sheep should [not] while the nights are cold, unless put up at night in a warm [place] should shearing be delayed [too] the wool will begin to come [off] sheep is a very tender animal, [and] den change given during damp [or] ment weather, by removing a [fleece] of wool, may cause them to [take] With a little care in housing the [sheep] they are accustomed to the change will not be injured by shearing.

Young turkeys are difficult to [rear] the causes of loss may be traced to [dew] ing them to go on damp grass, [and] the attacks of the large gray lice [on] heads, for which a drop or two of [sweet] oil is an excellent remedy. These [lice] come from the hens to the chicks, [and] will not be noticed unless by [careful] searching on the skin of the heads [and] necks. Rub the oil on the skin with [the] finger.

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.40 p.m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 8, 1907.

Local News

Edison Phonographs and Records at MONRO'S.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.
J. C. GREEN.

Delaware Red Men are planning for a monster reunion at Rehoboth this summer.

After June 1st the Library hours will be: Tuesdays, 7 to 8.30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30.

Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

100,000 Sweet Potatoe plants for sale. Leave order at store. E. J. STEELE.

Rev. W. H. Hutchin made an address last Friday afternoon befare the Odessa Public School, the subject was a patriotic one.

Single Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs at half-price—50 cents per setting.
T. E. CLAYTON,
Mt. Pleasant.

Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Dr. G. A. Burton, up-to-date Dentistry at very moderate cost. New method for extractions *absolutely painless.*

I will keep at store cut flowers, also take orders for funeral work. E. J. STEELE, Store in Town Hall.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending Jnne 30: Cassie Brown (Dead Letter)

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

Why pay 35c for Graphophone Cylinder Records when you can get a Columbia Gold Moulded Records for 25c at

Let us do your printing, no matter how small the order, and give us a chance to prove how well we can do it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Eliason, of Mt. Pleasant celebrated their wedding anniversary last Tuesday by inviting a few relatives and friends to spend the afternoon with them.

We hope 1907 won't go down into history, like 1816, as a "year without a summer. It's a historical fact that in 1816 there was frost every month in the year, including July and August.

The ladies of the Library Committee have recently added a number of new books to the Library, among them being "The King of Thomond," by Dr. Martin W. Barr, of Elwyn, Pa., so well know in Middletown.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Forest Presbyterian Church, to-morrow (Sunday) morning. The Session will meet on to-morrow morning at 10.15 o'clock, to receive those desiring to unite with the Church.

Miss Lillian Cullen was married on Wednesday, May 29th, to Mr. Frank Hetzel, of Racine, Wis. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W. P. Cullen of this town, and the newly married couple will make their home in Wisconsin.

FOR SALE.—One mower, 1 spray pump, 1 drill, 1 potato planter, 1 hay rake 1 corn planter, 1 riding cultivator, and 1 weeder. Having disposed of my farm, the above articles are for sale, and can be seen at the residence of Mr. F. J. Pennington near Odessa. They are all in good repair. W. E. LEE,
Middletown, Del.

The sociable given last Friday evening, by the Mite Society of the M. E. Church, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett, was a very enjoyable affair. Readings and music helped to make the time pass pleasantly, and ice cream, cake strawberries and lemonade were served during the evening.

The children's Day services passed off very pleasantly last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church. Although the weather was unfavorable, the church was well filled. Four babies were given certificates of membership to the Cradle Roll. They were: Elizabeth Clayton, Mary Adams Jolls, Anna Boulden and Eugenia Sudler Goodhand.

At the meeting of the Town Commissioners on Monday evening it was decided to increase the rates on town taxes for the present year from $1.10 to $1.25 per $100. Mr. J. A. Cleaver was appointed tax collector in place of L. C. Scoot, and will be ready to receive taxes shortly after receiving the duplicate of the assessment, which will be about the first of July.

When the sun shines and the streets become dusty, you wish it would rain; when it rains and the streets become muddy, you wish the sun would shine. After you are married you wish you were single, and if you get a new dress you wish you had a new hat to match it. Was human nature ever satisfied? Guess not, and glad of it, for then there would be nothing to kick about.

Despite the fact that the heavy storm of Sunday prevented the celebration of the 199th anniversary of Old Drawyers Church at Odessa, an elaborate celebration will take place on June 30th, to which date the exercises were postponed. Notwithstanding the inclement weather many visitors went to Old Drawyers on Sunday last. It is expected there will be hundreds to attend on June 30th.

SHORT CROP OF STRAWBERRIES

CHESWOLD, June 4:—The rain of Saturday and Sunday following as it did the succession of rains accompanied with chilling weather is threatening a partial failure of most all crops which our farmers are working and worrying to produce. The cold, water-soaked earth the springs in low lands being up to the surface, presents to the tiller of the soil a future any thing but glowing. Backened by the conditions above stated strawberries are only beginning to ripen, and June 3d, 1907 finds only 31 crates have reached our shipping market. The demand is however good and prices range from $3 to $5 per 32 quart crate. With normal weather conditions the berry season would be past its heaviest shipments. Growers say the fruit is stunted which means a very short crop.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Elizabeth Lockwood was in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Edith Conrad, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen and daughter, Harriett, are visiting relatives in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary Sanborn, of Wilmington, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Rothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Evans, of Elkton, Md., spent last Sunday with her father, Mr. J. B. Foard.

Mrs. A. G. Cox attended a Missionary Meeting in Mt. Pleasant Church, near Wilmington on Thursday.

Misses Susie Foard and Helen Cochran spent part of last week in Elkton, Md., guests of Mrs. W. D. Evans.

Miss A. Louise Reynolds, of New York spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Mr. George Allen and son John, of Philadelphia, spent several days of this week at the Middletown Hotel.

Mrs. Horace McDonnell and daughter Margaret, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with her father, J. W. Gary.

Mrs. Bertie Parvis and Mrs. Clarence Pool, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hopkins Thursday and Friday of this week.

Dr. D. W. Lewis is spending this week at the American Medical Association which is holding its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. M. A. Hall has been in Philadelphia, staying with her sisters, the Misses Murphey. Miss Elizabeth Murphey, well known here, has been very ill for the past week.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of May

HIGH SCHOOL. Grade A—Ada Scott, Lydia Dockety, Edith Shallcross, Reece Darlington. Grade B.—Blanche Deakyne. Grade C.—Helen Biggs, Elsie Boulden, Leanora Davis, Arthur Price, Anna Shallcross.

DEPARTMENT No. 2. Class A.—Martha Voshell, George Hukill, Lena Weber, Roy Jolls, Bertha Whitlock, Estelle Beasten, Irving Roberts. Class B.—Ruby Whitlock, John Hoffecker, Lola Carroll, Irving Brockson, Benny Denny, Emma Deakyne, Wilhelmina King, Leah Berkman.

DEPARTMENT No. 3. Class A.—Viola Weber, Helen McDowell, Maude Taylor. Class B—Elizabeth Gibbs, Laura Connellee, Burton Hall.

DEPARTMENT No. 4. Class A.—Alice Boulden, Myrtle Whitlock, Tim Hukill, Frank Tyson. Class B—Sarah Kates, Anita Hitchens, Jessie Shepherd, Mildred Redgrave.

DEPARTMENT No. 5. Class A.—Beulah Whitlock, Lelia Pearce, Martha Pearce, Esther Williams, Lucy Ford, John Kumpel, Clarence Weber, Albert Jolls, Fred Baker, Elmer Vinyard, Harry Segelken, Percy Price, Clifford Pyle, Paul Dewees. Class B—Alma Whitlock, Odell Gallagher Frank Walker, Frank McWhorter, Allen Johnson.

ST. ANNE'S

BY JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS

Atop the hill whose rutted road ascending,
Meets clustered oaks and bending maple's shade,
Where tangled woodbine makes a fragrant riot
Oe'r holy ground where faithful dead are laid.

Across the mouldering rows of crumbling headstones,
Whose records, half defaced arrest the eye,
The square old church whose cross surmounted gable,
Faces the eastward morning bringing sky.

Within, the aisle flag laid with clear paned windows,
The simple chancel with old walnut rails,
It high hung pulpit and the ancient altar,
Which even heedless time with kindly touch assails.

How oft within these walls the old responses
Of holy office have re-echoed long,
And mounting upward to the King of Glory
The swelling measures of the triumph song.

Long may you stand by wind and storm untroubled
In ivied silence across this level land,
Mutely proclaiming to the chance wayfarer,
The eternal message of your Lord's command.

IT IS A SUCCESS

There is much local interest in the invention of John Henry Parsons, the Delaware road engineer, who invented a method for consuming the smoke from an engine, and who secured permission of the Pennsylvania Railroad to put his device for consuming all the engine's smoke upon his own locomotive, has demonstrated its practicability and it is now a success. It now transpires, however, that the Pennsylvania Railroad has become wonderfully interested in this country engineer's patent. Two engines have been fitted out with the apparatus, one running from Philadelphia to Delmar and one from Philadelphia to Washington. The latter, in passing through the tunnel at Union Station, Baltimore, was particularly noticed. Every vestige of black smoke issuing from the engine was consumed in Parsons' device on the smoke stack. Each engine was supplied with an expert machinist from the motive power division of the Pennsylvania, and it was also noticed that Parson's claim, that the device would save one third on the fuel on the run was correct. Both experts have, since then, it is stated, made most favorable reports to the Altoona shop, headquarters of the Pennsylvania system, and the probable adoption of the patent will make the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a new advertising point of general attractiveness. and the Parsons' family will hereafter ride in automobiles as well as smokeless trains.

THE TRANSCRIPT, $1.00 per year.

THE TROLLEY PROJECT

Private Right of Way Being Acquired Through New Castle County

Notwithstanding the action of the Levy Court Commissioners of New Castle County in holding up for further consideration the franchise asked for by Mr. J. W. Endean, Chief Engineer of the Smyrna, Kent County and Delaware Bay Traction Co., that gentleman is not in the least daunted, and after communicating with Mr. Maximilian Kahn, the New York representative of the British capitalists who will construct and equip the entire system, it has been decided, in order to obviate any possible delay with construction, to acquire a private right of way through New Castle County, and a start has been made in this direction. The first two miles from Duck Creek has already been acquired and it is the intention of Mr. Endean to actively take up the work of acquiring the remaining distance to Delaware City without delay, so that there may be no obstacle in the way of an early commencement on construction work. Word has been received from the construction engineer that their work on the lines under construction at "Mineral Wells." Texas, will be completed in the very near future and it is desired to move the entire construction outfit to Delaware to commence operations on the through state line. The New York office is negotioting with the receivers of the Wilmington, New Castle and Southern Railway for the early acquisition of that line which runs from Wilmington to Delaware City, and it is hoped by the time these negotiations are closed the right of way will be in such shape as to immediately commence the extension of the line through the State to Milford. Later the route from Milford through Georgetown to Rehoboth will in all probability taken up.

Negotiating For Branch Lines

Mr. Endean has opened negotiations for the acquiring of the rights and charter of the Middletown and Cecilton Railway so that the construction of the line from Middletown to Fredericktown, Md., may be taken in hand simultaneously with the through State line after it is constructed south to Odessa. During the trip to Odessa Mr. Endean will endeavor to locate a site for the shops and depot for this Division. Alternative sites for the Southern Division shops and depot have been acquired at Milford and Frederica and and another site is being looked for at Camden. It has been decided that Mr. F. A. Price of Wilmington will be the official surveyor for the entire system and he is making all preparations for an early start in the field. There is a very fine park proposition which presents itself at Milford, where in the event of the company locating their shops and depot there they will endeavor to acquire it for an amusement resort for its Southern Division.—*Smyrna Times.*

CECILTON

Mr. J. D. Beltz spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. William A. Brown spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. George Biddle, of Elkton, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Edith Alderson was the guest of Miss Clara Manlove on Sunday.

John Freeman, of Philadelphia, is visiting his grandparents H. W. Black and wife.

Robert Anderson, Jr., of St. Johns' College, Annapolis, is visiting his parents this week.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar spent several days last week with relatives in Townsend.

Messrs. Thomas Hall and Thomas Pearce, of Elk Neck, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Miss Iona Benson, of Earleville, was entertained Thursday by Misses Blanche and Emma Brown.

Mrs. W. Gary and daughter, of Chesterville, spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. James Smith and wife.

Miss Eddie Ferguson, of Chesapeake City, spent Wednesday and Thursday with her mother Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Mrs. Harry C. Ellison and daughter Annie, of Summit Bridge, spent one day last week with Mr. Thomas P. Jones, Sr., and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson, of Galena, and Miss Mary Anderson, of Still Pond, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents here.

Children's Day Services have been postponed on account of the weather. It will be held at Johntown, Sunday evening, June 9th, and will be observed here on the following Sunday, June 16th.

Quite a party of young people went on a strawride from here to attend the festival at Still Pond, Thursday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Edna Smith, Misses Lizzie Anderson, Lillie Short, Iona Benson, Blanche Padley, Blanche and Emma Brown, Mary Blackway, Messrs. Oscar Page, Louis Freeman, William Anderson, William Brown and Harvard Padley.

Cecilton High School Commencement was held in the M. E. Church on Monday evening, June 3d. The two graduates were: Miss Annie E. W. Price and William P. Anderson. Music was furnished by a Wilmington Orchestra and the program was as follows: Prayer by Rev. William F. Dawson; Salutatory—Essay "Courage that Convicts," by Miss Annie E. W. Price; Address by Rev Louis E. Barrett, D. D.; Presentation of Diplomas, by Mr. George Biddle; Essay, "Policy of Reconstruction," Valedictory by William P. Anderson; Singing, "Abide With Me." William P. Anderson was awarded the gold medal for leading his class during the year; Miss George Walmsley for Latin. Benediction by Rev. William A. Coale. Quite a large crowd attended the service, which were very much enjoyed by all.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	.98	Corn—	
No. 2	.95	Yellow, shelled	69
Timothy Seed	$3.00	" cob	55
Clover Seed lb	.15	Oats	60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	13@18
Country Butter, per lb	30
Creamery Butter, per lb	32
Lard, per lb	11½@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@15
Potatoes	35@40

ODESSA

Mr. Julian Davis, of Greensboro, visited friends in town last week.

Miss Nan Wilson, of Dover, is being entertained by Miss Margaret McCoy of near town.

Miss Mary E. Strinfellow, of Wilmington, is spending sometime here with friends.

Mr. Harry Frysinger, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited friends here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Tubbs, of Wilmington, were entertained at the home of T. Long on Sunday.

George Gibson, of Wilmington, visited his parents Mr. rnd Mrs. Joseph Gibson last week.

Miss Belle Rose, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. O. C. Stevens this week.

Mrs. Joseph G. Brown spent one day last week at Cherry Hill, Md., as the guest of friends.

Mr. Charles Moody of Pencoyd, Pa., is visiting this week at the home of his sister Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Elwood Vinyard and wife, of Wilmington, were entertained at the home of William Johnson on Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Enos, of Havre de Grace, Md., spent several days of last week at the home of Joseph Enos and family.

Mrs. Warden Humphrey and daughter Lillian, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins part of last week.

Miss Anna Henchiman, of Mount Holly, N. J., spent the latter part of last week with of Mrs. John Heldmyer.

Miss Lelia Dudley, of Barclay, Md., has returned home after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Whittock near town.

Miss Rachel Mifflin, of Philadelphia, is visiting this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walter V. Woods.

Mrs. Andrews, son and daughter, of Chester, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday last with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stringfellow, of Wilmington, were guests at the home of I. G. Lightcap and family on Sunday.

Miss Anna Gremminger, of Philadelphia, is spending this week at the home of her mother Mrs. S. Gremminger.

Miss Beulah Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent from Saturday until Monday last at the home of Miss Minnie Armstrong.

Mrs. Ernest Ratledge, of Wilmington, has been visiting at the home of her parents Mr. Julian Cleaver and wife near town.

Mr. H. T. Sargent, wife and daughter, of Wenonah, N. J., were visitors at the home of Mr. Harry Ward and family on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Armstrong had as their guest on Sunday last Miss Nina Finley, of Cowentown, and Harry Manlove, of Warwick, Md.

Mrs. Laura Skellenger and son William and daughters Lou and Angie, of Wilmington, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Eccles on Sunday last.

Childrens' Day will be observed on to-morrow, (Sunday) June 9th, at the M. E. Church. A fine program is being arranged, and every one is most cordially invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Watkins, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. R. J. Foard, of East Orange, N. J., were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins over Sunday.

On Tuesday evening next, June 11th, at the regular meeting of the Red Men, there will be special business transacted and all members of this order are urged to be present.

On Tuesday evening of this week the Ushers' Union of the M. E. Church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Spicer near town. Quite a large crowd was present and several new members were enrolled. At a late hour refreshments, consisting of ices and cake were served. After which all departed for their homes, expressing themselves as having spent a most pleasant evening.

WARWICK

Mrs. Rachel Merritt is seriously ill at this writing.

David Leyman, of Smyrna, spent a few days with John Lattomus.

Mr. T. C. Lynch spent one day last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson, of Cecilton, spent one day this week with relatives in town.

Mrs. John Manlove and daughter Gertrude spent a few days with Mrs. Tisia Smith.

The Public Schools closed here on Friday and the teachers returned to their respective homes.

The Christian Endeavor Social was held at the home of Mrs. Verena Vinyard Friday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Delaney, of Baltimore, is spending several days with her mother Mrs. Rachel Merritt.

Miss Ethel Cochran, of near Middletown, has been spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Archie Crawford.

Mrs. James Merritt, Sr., and daughter, Mrs. Andrew Reynolds, of Golt, spent one day last week with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mathers, of Philadelphia, returned home from spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Maryland and Delaware Section, in the Weather Bureau Bulletin for the week ending Monday, June 3, says: The weather of the past week was even more unfavorable than that of the several unfavorable weeks preceding it. At Baltimore, and undoubtedly throughout the section, it was one of the coldest periods ever experienced so late in the season. The average daily mean temperature at the various stations ranged from 10 to 15 degrees below the seasonable normal, while minima on several dates were below freezing in Garrett county and approximated 40 degrees at all stations. While Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at some stations were clear and sunshiny, cold winds greatly reduced the beneficial effect, the temperature as a rule not reached the beneficial effect, the temperature as a rule not reaching 75 degrees at any time during the week. The rainfall was somewhat above normal, being quite heavy on Saturday and Saturday night throughout the section.

DESPERADOES CAPTURED

Sheriff Kirk and Posse Rounds Up Armed Negroes

Saturday morning Sheriff Kirk received a message from Baltimore to arrest a gang of armed negroes on the arrival at Elkton of a freight train on which they were riding, and at the same time received a telephone message from Perryville stating that the negroes had robbed two Italians who boarded the train while taking warter at Perryville, shooting one of the men through the thigh. The Sheriff summoned and deputized a number of citizens, and when the train stopped just below the Elkton tower was on hand to make the arrest. The negroes rose up out of a gondola car as the train slakened up, four of them with drawn revolvers, but seeing themselves out numbered and faced by revolvers and shotguns, jumped from the car and attempted to escape among the cars standing on the sidings. They were all captured after a number of shots had been fired to scare them, although a number of the deputies had to face gleaming revolvers. One of the desperadoes was shot in the leg with a shotgun and received a serious wound. There is no doubt that being outnumbered was all that prevented the negroes from trying to shoot their way to escape.

The four desperadoes gave the names of Sammy Bradshaw, (the man who was shot,) George Brown, George Johnson, alis Sammy Mitchell, and Harry Barrett. A negro named Bridge, who had boarded the train at Perryville, gave himself up when the train stopped. He was unarmed, but the other four all carried heavy revolvers.

Sheriff Kirk on Tuesday received a letter from the Baltimore police that three negroes known as Sammy Mitchell, Sammy Bradshaw and Mikey Gibson are wanted in that city for assult with intent to kill. They are undoubtedly three members of the gang arrested who are all young and decidedly a desperate looking lot of negroes."—*Cecil County News*

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Anna Reynolds spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Past Master Thomas Lattomus is on the sick list.

Mrs. Edgar Reynolds spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Miss Helen Taylor, of Earlville, is visiting Mrs. Essie Stant.

Townsend Public School closed on Friday for the summer vacation.

Miss Ethel Dayette, of Clayton, spent Wednesday with Mrs. I. Pritchard.

Miss Lydia Dockety, of Middletown, visited Mrs. I. Pritchard over Sunday.

Miss Mary Money and Miss Ella Maloney visited Smyrna on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Shockley, of Middletown, visited friends in town on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. L. L. Maloney were visitors in Middletown on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Hutchin, of Middletown, was an over Sunday visitor with Miss Mary Maloney.

Mrs. Geo. Knotts entertained over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mullen, of Wilmington.

Mr. Clarence Sharpless, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Anna Sharpless.

Misses Estella Vandyke and Anna Sharpless spent Thursday last with Mrs. William Spicer.

Mrs. Jennie Wilson, of Philadelphia, visited her daughter, Mrs. Clara Lattomas over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Burris, of near Dover, spent Decaration Day with Mr. George M. D. Hart and wife.

Mrs. Boulden and daughter, Miss Hylie, of near Cecilton, were visitors in town on Decoration Day.

Miss Anna Short, of Baltimore, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Weldon for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts, of near Cecilton, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Shockley.

Mrs. George Atwell and daughter, of Chestertown, visited Mrs. George M. D. Hart and family on Thursday last.

Mrs. D. B. Jones and Mrs. George Saterfield spent Thursday with James Watts and family, near Cecilton.

Mrs. Joseph Jones and daughter, Miss Thelma left town on Wednesday for Newark, N. J., where Mr. Jones has employment.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney entertained over Sunday, Miss Florence Diston, Prof. Frederick Malick and Prof. Harry Nuttle, teachers of Dover Academy.

The Fort Nightly Club was royally entertained by Mrs. Essie Stant on Tuesday evening. The home was elaborately decorated, the prevailing color being yellow. The prizes in the different games were won by Miss Dean Whitlock and Miss Helen Taylor. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, oranges, bon bons, and coffee were served.

NOTICE TO THE TAX-PAYERS

--OF THE--

Town of Middletown!

I beg to call the attention of the Tax-Payers of the Town of Middletown that the taxes for the year of 1906 are now due. All taxes not paid within 20 days will be placed in the hands of my attorney for collection. Please pay up and save yourself the extra cost.

L. C. SCOTT, Collector.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., May 10th, 1907.

NOTICE!

Middletown, Delaware, March 5th, 1906
Having rented the business stand of the late John W. Jolls, in connection with the Grain business, I am now prepared to furnish my customers and the public with the best grades of Coal, Wood, Lime, Feed, &c. I respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage at the stand of the late John W. Jolls, Railroad Ave.
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Cow Peas,	$2.50 to $2.75 bu.
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Maine grown Seed Potatoes,	$2.50 bag
Onion Sets,	$2.25 to $3.00 bu

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Of fancy cheviots, cassimeres and blue serge. A fine line in the new grays and overplaids. These are equal to most $5.00 suits.

Boys' $2.00 and $2.50 Suits.
SIZES 6 to 16.
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